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Two current, two former wing members to pin on eagle wings

DENVER (AFPN) – 908th Operations Support Flight Commander Robert Britton II, 357th Airlift Squadron Commander Norman Ham Jr., former chief of dental services Camille Phillips and former 357th AS Commander Michael Underkofler are among the 315 lieutenant colonels who will get to exchange their silver oak leaves for eagle wings as a result of the fiscal year 2004 Air Force Reserve Colonel Promotion Selection Board.

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center announced the results of the promotion board Jan. 16. The list of selectees is available on the ARPC Web site at http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/promo/col/06_04sel.pdf.

After Senate confirmation, the selectees will be eligible to pin on colonel eagles in increments announced by Office of the Air Force Reserve's Personnel Directorate. The promotion effective dates will depend on the individual's date of rank and time in grade.

Air Force Academy looking for Montgomery-area liaison officers

The United States Air Force Academy is looking for three additional duty Air Force Academy Liaison Officers in the Montgomery, Ala. area.

Required qualifications are as follow: a commissioned Air Force officer (active duty, Guard or Reserve) Rank 01 thru 06.

The ALO position is in addition to the current AFSC the applicant already holds. ALOs are compensated for their time by earning points for retirement without pay (majority of the time) and on occasion some paid mandays. If selected, the prospective ALO participates in a self study training program via CD Rom and one-on-one training with a current Academy Liaison officer. Selectees that aren't academy graduates will be sent on paid orders to the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., for a 1-week training course sometime within their first two years as an ALO.

The Air Force Academy ALO program includes a regional office at the Air Force Academy plus nearly 2,000 Air Force officers who live in neighborhoods throughout the United States and several overseas locations. Their primary job is serving as a link between students interested in applying to the Air Force Academy or for an Air Force ROTC scholarship. ALOs spend the majority of their time visiting the schools, attending college fairs, talking with students and counselors, interviewing and providing written reports on Academy and AFROTC applicants, and attending various military-related functions.

Qualified applicants interested in an ALO position, should see or contact 908AW Vice Commander Col. C.W. Fox during the Feb UTA. Colonel Fox is an active Air Force Academy Liaison Officer Director in charge of the Northern Colorado District.



Deployed airmen help needy

A visit by deployed 908th members to a regional children's hospital turned the frowns like this youngster's to smiles. See more about the visit and a firsthand account of life at Base X on Pages 4 & 5.

1940s-era Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act shelved

New law adds greater protections

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 provides service members greater protections to handle personal financial and legal obligations, officials said.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the (new act) is the same as under the SSCRA: To provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal

policy in the office of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness

This is significant, because it clarifies and updates SSCRA provisions and adds some protections.

"Service members on long-term deployments, or called to active duty, should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections, or that they are paying on a leased car or apartment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment," Colonel Lindemann said.

"These are some of the situations the SCRA covers so that service members are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home," he said.

An automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the service member is what Colonel Lindemann called "a significant change" in the new act. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. Previously, stays were discretionary with the courts.

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Stress during deployments normal, especially for children

Capt. (Dr.) Tim Sheahan 379th Air Expeditionary Wing

ENDURING **FREEDOM** (AFPN) -- Deployments are often very stressful for the people left behind. Those affected most may be the deployed member's chil-

PERATION

Changes seen in children can be distressing for both the stateside and deployed parent, as well as the child struggling with the parent's departure.

The most important information for concerned parents is that their child's response to the deployment, while distressing, is normal. Children cannot respond to change the way adults do, and are unlikely to say "Daddy, I'm sad Mommy's gone, and scared she won't come back.'

Here are some common

scenarios and helpful information.

When Mommy deploys, the child may "cling" to Dad. The child may act afraid to go to school, become upset if Dad is out of sight, or may want to sleep in the same bed. This may suggest the child is afraid that since Mommy left, Dad may also. Dad must reassure the child and spend time with him or her. Dad must assure the child he is not going anywhere, and that Mommy is coming home as soon as possible.

Another common scenario is to have an "angelic" child become a disobedient "monster." A drop in grades may occur, as may acting out (hitting others, biting, breaking rules, etc). These are the child's tests to see how much of his or her life has changed. Something like "Hmmmm... Mommy is gone, I wonder if the rules

have changed about what I can do."

This is not malicious or manipulative, but born of uncertainty. Consistent discipline is crucial. Mommy isn't there, but the rules and consequences that exist to keep the child safe have not changed. This will provide a sense of comfort and consistency.

If you are deployed, here are some general tips to help your child cope with your absence:

Keep in touch! Both parents should work hard to send letters, videos, pictures, back and forth. A letter written from you to your child in its own envelope is invaluable towards making him or her feel special. Be liberal with "I love you."

The stay-at-home parent should keep your picture in a prominent place. He or she should ask the child about any feelings regarding the deployed parent being

absent. Let the child know all feelings are okay.

Get a copy of your child's favorite book, read it on an audio tape, and mail it home.

The stay-at-home parent should plan special outings regularly.

The stay-at-home parent should keep in touch with teachers to monitor behavior and performance at school. Many bases have programs available for family members of deployed personnel. Call the family support center.

Conduct an Internet search for "children" and "deployment." You'll find a wealth of material.

As tough as life may be for the deployed member, we tend to forget how our families can be affected. Managing your own stress is very important, but we must commit to easing the stress of those too young to do it for themselves.



By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford 908th Airlift Wing staff chaplain

Don't just say it, show how much you care

rue love never asks. "What's in this for me? As Valentine's Day approaches, our thoughts turn to the idea of Love. While love is hard to explain, I would like to express a few thoughts.

May we remember that love is more than words or poems. Love is an action that expressed for the

betterment of the other person, never ourselves. In my faith tradition the Apostle Paul reminds us that, "Love is not selfseeking, but always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres".

True love always has a sacrificial element. True love never asks, "What's in this for me?" True love is willing to go the extra mile,

pay the extra price, and do whatever is asked for the person or persons to whom it is directed. This Valentine's Day, and every day, let us not just say we care, but show how much we

Please continue to lift up, in prayer, the families, and all our friends who are activated and deployed all over the world.

WHEN THE MAKE

Some of you don't know me, let me introduce myself

reetings! For those of you who do not know me, I am the Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment, affectionately known as RCPHA. Who am I to you?

Good question! I replaced the old paper 895 you received yearly asking about your current health status. Although you no longer receive the 895 you are notified yearly, via letter to go to the web site and complete a questionnaire. You can do this from home. The notification comes out six months prior to your birth month. I am also the way you are scheduled for your physical (yearly for flyers, every three years for non-flyers). It takes only a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and it is mandatory that you accomplish this yearly. You can reach me at https://www.wbits.afrc.af.mil/. If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to contact Master Sgts. Patrick

Weir or Bev Williams (both at 3-6963) or ASTS at 3-5714.

Things to remember:

It is mandatory for you to complete a questionnaire yearly.

Completion of this questionnaire drives the scheduling of the physical that as a reservist you are required to have.

Noncompliance could cost you money.





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Women aviation enthusiasts gather in Reno for networking, mentoring, exchange

In support of its commitment to AFRC's Human Resource Development Council's charter, the wing is seeking a select number of outstanding unit reservists to represent the 908th at the 15th annual Women in Aviation International Conference.

The conference is scheduled for March 11-13, 2004 in Reno, Nevada.

Unit reservists with unused annual tour days who would like to attend should contact their squadron commanders who, in turn, must forward a nomination via email to 908AW vice commander Col. C.W. Fox, head of the wing Human Resources Development Council. The e-mail should contain the unit member's name, AFSC and a brief statement detailing why the member wants to attend. Selections will be made by the end of the February unit training assembly.

The 2004 theme is Aviation's Changing Face: Celebrating 15 Years of Education and Promise. The organization will honor a new crop of scholarship recipients and Pioneer Hall of Fame recipients. Pioneer Hall of Fame recipients are those women who have gone the

In support of its commitment to extra mile for others and contrib-FRC's Human Resource Developent Council's charter, the wing is aviation and aerospace.

> The conference includes nearly 40 breakout sessions encompassing subjects as diverse as Writing for Aviation, Women in Aviation History and Airline Hiring Practices, to Careers in Corporate Aviation and Environmentally Sound Manufacturing and Shop Practices. In the days immediately preceding the conference Women in Aviation, International is sponsoring a Teacher Workshop, an FAA Aviation Maintenance Professional Renewal Course and, with help from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Air Safety Foundation, an AOPA Flight Instructor Renewal Clinic. Luncheons and a ceremonial banquet honoring both the Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees and 2004 Scholarship recipients will be held as well.

> The event is billed as one of the largest gatherings of women aviation professionals in the world. Attendance is expected to exceed 3,000 and more than 200 exhibitors are anticipated.

Women in Aviation, International is a nonprofit organization

dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries.

For more information about the conference and about WAI, contact WAI at 101 Corsair Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, Phone (386) 226-7996; Fax (386) 226-7998; Web www.wai.org.

For complete details on AFRC Human Resources Development Council and the WAI convention such as fees, registration information and deadlines, attendees' responsibilities, etc., should go to https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/events/ events%20home.htm. All participants need register with WAI, the hotel, and also register with AFRC/ DPXSB at wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/ Conferences Representative%20form.htm

Those without access to a military computer, should e-mail Master Sgt. Rodney Hage at Rodney.Hage@afrc.af.mil for guidance or call him at 1-800-223-1784 x71345 or DSN: 497-1345.



Area students celebrate 100th anniversary of flight

Photo by Jeff Melvin

357AS's Capt. Jason Kirkpatrick explains C-130 missions and capabilities to students from Head Elementary School. Five hundred students visited Maxwell Dec. 17 for a round of activities commemorating the centennial of flight. The event was sponsored by the school, the 908th Airlift Wing, Civil Air Patrol and the Alabama Army and Air National Guard.

New law adds greater protections

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The new relief act also makes it clear the 6-percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and any interest in excess of 6 percent is forgiven, not deferred, Colonel Lindemann said.

The SCRA also expanded the protection against eviction. Under the SSCRA, service members and their family who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order. This amount is increased to \$2,400 and an annual inflation adjustment is added. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465, significantly increasing the number of service members entitled to this protection, Colonel Lindemann said.

The new relief act also gives the service member who has received permanent change-of-station orders or who is being deployed for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Before, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

One of the more significant new provisions is an added protection for motor-vehicle leases. Any active-duty service member who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for 180 days or more, may terminate a motor-vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges.

"Now, service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," Colonel Lindemann

"Service members may not always realize all the protections they have under the law," Colonel Lindemann said. "If service members have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."

A snapshot of life and work at base X

EDITORS NOTE: The following article is a reprint of a letter sent by one of our deployed personnel shortly before Christmas. As noted in the letter from Lt. Col. Sam, all is well. As a security measure, we are not publishing exact location, last names, mailing and e-mail addresses of deployed personnel; however, family members and loved ones of deployed personnel can obtain this information from wing and squadron officials.

Dear Friends,

I have now been in central Asia for two weeks and wanted to send out a letter letting you know what life and work is like here.

I am at X International Airport, X Air Base. This base was established during the war in Afghanistan to topple the Taliban and Al Qaeda.

This is a very poor country. It was the boondocks of the old Soviet Empire and many of the buildings look like it. The natural scenery is fantastic with mountains rising to elevations over 18,000 feet. I have only seen them from the air but we might have the chance to travel off base while here.

This base was named after a NYC fire Chief killed when the World Trade Center collapsed. Pictures of the towers burning are all over this base and serve as an emotional reminder of why we are here and how important is the mission to pacify Afghanistan. I'm sure you follow the news as to what is going on there, but make no mistake, there are many who would do us harm.

We of course take careful precautions when we fly. This is among the most challenging flying environments I've seen with terrain rising to almost 20,000 feet. The Himalayas are truly beautiful. I think that I have seen the last few trees in all of Afghanistan -- at about 15,000 feet elevation and so remote that no one could cut down the trees for fuel. Otherwise, the rest of the country appears to be deforested and has a dusty, earth tone appearance - very bleak and depressing. The local architecture seems ages old with mud walls established around even the poorest of homes. The walls protect what little livestock the people own and keep out predators. This appears to be a land with little infrastructure and precious

I have flown three missions in the theater of operations and will soon fly more. My crew has been performing ground duties for the last three days to assist those that are flying. The base is comfortable beyond my expectations. We have a well-stocked base exchange, a gym (weights and aerobic machines only), a small library, a morale tent with computers and phones, a good chow hall that serves four hot meals per day, and several concession shops that sell mostly cheap Russian trinkets. The primary difference from a conventional base is that everything here is in a tent or portable building, and dirt and mud are everywhere. Soon, snow and ice will be everywhere! It is also inconvenient to go to three different tents to use the bathroom, shower, and get a drink of water. But compared to what the Army has in remote parts of Afghanistan, it is quite nice.

Please feel free to write/e-mail me as often as you like. It helps relieve the monotony when not flying. I have tried to establish a routine for time off centered around e-mail, trips to the gym and reading and, of course, keeping up with both family and clients. I can (and have) communicate with many clients via e-mail so don't be shy or think it is a bother to run anything by me. I might need a bit longer than usual to get back to you.

I know that we are flying Christmas Day. This war stops for no holidays. I suggested that our loadmaster wear a Santa hat and give all of our troops/passengers candy canes. I have been so busy and worked such odd hours that I have almost forgotten that Christmas is just a few days away. I do want to say a special hello and thanks to everyone at St. Francis of Assisi, you all mean a great deal to me. Please let Glenda know that I carry the prayer beads she lent me on every flight - there is ample time to pray before entering Afghan air space. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season and remember the importance of family, friends and loved ones in your life. Being on the steppes of central Asia and supporting the operations against terrorism have given me a unique perspective on the true importance of God's gift to humanity.

Enough preaching, I should leave that to my Rector, Rebecca DeBow. I will close this first letter by telling you how proud I am to be a part of a group that is working with dedication, enthusiasm and unsurpassed professionalism. The men and women of the 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala., are representing your state and nation well.

God's Peace. Sincerely, Sam



An overhead view of Base X, note the mountains in the back ground



Changing of the Guards

Lt. Col. Norm settles in for work at his new digs.

Children capture hearts of visiting airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Alison 357th Airlift Squadron

was fortunate to be in the first group from the Base X Outreach Society to visit a children's cancer center nearby. Because of security constrictions, only 10 of us are allowed to go at one time, so it was a small group that boarded the van to head off base.

I think the first impression we all had upon entering the hospital was how rundown the facility was. The country we're deployed to is very poor, with little in the way of infrastructure and institutional facilities, apart from what the Russians left behind when they departed in early '90s, and this hospital was clearly a legacy from those days.

Our focus was not the building, but the children inside, and our host, Doctor "Mina" (her first name) took us to a large "play" room, where a group of the children along with some Moms holding babies was waiting for us. The children were all adorable, though at first very shy – as we were, too. They could not speak English, of course, and we could not speak Russian, although we did bring an interpreter with us – a young lady named "Masha," who spoke excellent English and helped break the ice with introductions and games

We had brought some coloring books, crayons, and paper with us, and Masha paired us off with children to share these with. I first sat with a little boy, perhaps seven years old, who could draw better than I could!

The children, and the parents that were there, were still very reserved and quiet – until somebody started a paper "snowball" fight! (One of us "big" kids, I suspect). Then the giggles and fun really started, with at first just a few paper missiles hurtling across the room at chosen victims. Soon many more snowballs were made, tossed, and



retrieved as the game got seriously underway. The children especially liked ganging up on their grownup visitors, picking out one of us to bombard all at once, then shrieking and running to hide when they were out of paper balls and the victim was scrambling about ready to fire back.

This went on for more than an hour, and I have never had so much fun as I did in that room full of non-English speaking children, our only way of communicating through laughter, giggles and love – which worked wonderfully well.

We had also brought with us candy and little gifts for each child from the stock of the Outreach Society, though this sorely depleted their cupboard. The children clearly appreciated the gifts. The next group that goes next time will surely take more. Doc "K" is going with the next group, and he is taking some Russian-dubbed cartoon movies we purchased for the kids. They seem to need so much. I noticed that the "play" room had plenty of room to play but no toys were available. And the "snowballs" we made from ruled paper sheets were carefully gathered up by one of the staff and taken from the room, not thrown in the trashcan that was there. I wondered if they were going to painstakingly straighten them out to use again, and if so they must think us terribly wasteful.

Overall, the children were

well dressed, well kempt, and very much loved and well cared for. We did not get much chance to ask Doctor Mina about their treatment, and what she has available to work with. She did say that the hospital provides all kinds of cancer treatments – surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy, and most of the children we met seemed to be undergoing the latter, judging from the hats they wore to cover little bald heads and the masks over their faces because of weakened immune systems.

I can't help wondering what the quality, range and availability of treatment is, considering some facts: in the last years that Russia ran the country, the annual public spending for health care was approximately \$119 per capita – not a huge amount of money. However, today that figure has dropped to \$9 per capita.

The facility we visited is

The facility we visited is the only pediatric oncology clinic in the entire country; the children that are able to make it there from the mountainous country and its remote villages surely overwhelm the resources available.

I thought about that on the way back and when I got "home" to my tent, I sat on my bed and had a good cry. Because of course, being children, they had stolen my heart and I couldn't help but wonder how many of those little ones I had laughed with, played with, and cuddled with, would survive.

Contact center provides one-stop customer support for deployed airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE to the military personnel BASE, Texas (AFPN) --

Deployed personnel specialists now have aroundthe-clock assistance in performing personnel actions for deployed airmen that previously may have taken days to complete.

The Air Force Contact Center will now provide one-stop customer support for deployed operations, said Lt. Col. Jacqueline Harry, chief of the customer support branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

While the contact center cannot yet fully replace a person's servicing military personnel flight, it can accomplish much of the work currently done at home station, said the colonel. This includes coordination with owning commanders and updates

data system.

Historically, deployed commanders were required to reach back to their home station commanders, MPFs and commander support staffs to complete personnel services for people assigned to them, even though the airmen came from multiple locations.

This new partnership will essentially cut out the middle man and, in many cases, speed up services for deployed airmen while eliminating unnecessary paperwork.

Some specific ways the contact center will assist Personnel Support for Contingency Operation, or PERSCO, teams:

Update enlisted assignment preferences: PERSCO workers will be able to email or fax an Air Force

member's preferences to the contact center to accomplish the update in the Military Personnel Data System. Contact center workers will maintain the email/fax in the database for historical purposes.

Update life insurance forms: If airmen change their Servicemen Group Life Insurance or Family SGLI election while deployed, PERSCO teams will fax the signed form to the contact center for update into MilPDS. The fax will be maintained in the center for historical purposes. The original form must be mailed by the PERSCO team back to the home station for filing in the airman's personnel folder.

Assist with re-enlistments and career job reservations: Contact center workers here will now coordinate and resolve any re-enlistment/job reservation issues between PERSCO teams and military personnel flights.

Update personal info: If the virtual MPF is not available at the deployed location, the PERSCO team will e-mail/fax information to the contact center for update.

Correct officer/enlisted duty history: The PERSCO team will e-mail all required duty history corrections to the contact center. Center workers will use the Automated Records Management System resident at AFPC that contains the master personnel record group to get the required source documentation, and the center workers will update MilPDS. In the event no source document is found, the airman will be

required to provide documentation before correcting MilPDS.

Update MilPDS on evaluation and decoration errors: The PERSCO team will e-mail all required evaluation/decoration corrections to the contact center. Center workers will use ARMS to get the required source documentation, and update MilPDS. In the event no source document is found, the airman will be required to provide documentation before correcting MilPDS.

The Air Force Contact Center offers one-stop shopping service for personnel information and can be reached by calling (800) 616-3775. Service is also available online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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February Unit Training Assembly Schedule

	Start	End	Event	Location/OPR				
		Feb. 6,						
	1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room				
	<u>Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004</u>							
	0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room				
	0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT				
	0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT				
	0800	TBD	Self-aid/Buddy Care Instruction	Bldg. 1055/Class Rm 3				
	0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab				
	0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor/Pharmacy Lobby				
	0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room				
	0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor				
	0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119				
	0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms				
	0900	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor				
	0900	1000	Self-Inspection Monitors' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm				
	0900	1100	CCT/Sector Search Team Training	Bldg. 1055/Class Rm 1				
	0900	1100	Mask Fit Testing (as scheduled)	Bldg. 760/Second Floor				
	0900	1100	EET Training	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section				
	0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA				
	1000	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomers)	Bldg. 848/West Side				
	1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm				
	1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar				
	1230	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms				
	1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms				
	1230 1300	1530 1400	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm				
	1300	1500	Human Resources Development Council Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/				
	1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119				
	1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room				
	1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm				
	1400	1600	EET Meeting	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section				
	1630	TBD	Officers' Call	Officers' Club Basement				
	1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room				
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	0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room				
	0800	1200	First Duty Training	Bldg. 804/MEO Classroom				
	0815	0900	MPF In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room				
	0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119				
	0830	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms				
	0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD				
	0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)				
	0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room				
	0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25APS				
	0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side				
	0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room				
	0930	TBD	Unit Fitness Monitors' Mtg (Bring AFI 10-248 [1 Jan 04])					
	1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended) Awards & Decoration Monitors' Mtg	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight				
	1015 1100	1100 1130	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room				
	1100	1200	Worship Service (Recommended) Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT				
	1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1052 Bldg. 1461				
	1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post				
	1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom				
	1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side				
	1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office				
	1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room				
	1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room				
	1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room				

Support functions' schedule

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<u>Activity</u>	Dates & hours of ope	<u>eration</u>	Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight	_	Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Fitness For Duty	Sat, 0830-0900	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
(Bring DD Form 689)	1330-1400		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (le			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

February UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- *Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
 - * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
 - * Input your unit's authorization code
 - * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- *The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

*The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the February UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, III./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local
Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday: Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local Depart Huntsville at 1700 local Arrive Aurora at 1900 local Depart Aurora at 1915 local Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates

March 6-7; April 3-4; May 1-2; **June 5-612-13; July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12 **note date change

Take Note



Newly minted butter bars

Former enlisted airmen Sharon Spudic, left, and Teri Miller pose for a snapshot after their graduation from Academy of Military Science, the six-week Guard and Reserve version of the Air Force's Officer Training School. Spudic and Miller earned the chance to trade their stripes for gold bars and fill vacant officer positions thanks to the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. For information about DACP or to ask questions, contact the 908th MPF at DSN 493-5584 or 908AW Vice Commander Col. C. W. Fox at DSN 493-9080 or e-mail Charles.Fox@maxwell.af.mil

Sunday event honors ascent to top NCO tier

An induction ceremony to honor wing members attaining the rank of master sergeant since November 2002 will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at 8 a.m. in Polifka Auditorium of the Squadron Officer College. All inductees should be in place, in service dress, not later than 0730.

"Enhancement and professional development of our enlisted personnel is of great importance," said event coordinator Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Voyles, 908MXS first sergeant.

Voyles added, "We invite all of the newest senior noncommissioned officers, their family and guests, commanders, first sergeants, flight chiefs and supervisors to share in this special occasion. Commander and management support is essential for the success of this program. Please plan to attend.'

She urged inductees whose families plan to attend to help ensure they gain entry on base without problems.

"Easiest access onto Maxwell AFB is in a vehicle with a current base decal and a military ID card. If you have family coming on base that do not have these items, please call me (at 953-6687) and provide their names. They will need to use the Bell Street Gate and have a valid driver license, car registration and proof of auto insurance. A little planning can make for a smooth entry on base and allow your family to be included in you being honored in this milestone," Voyles said.

Senior NCO Ceremony Inductees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>D O R</u>
Leon Alexander Jr.	AMS	1 Jul 03
Gregory Black	C F	1 Sep 03
Lawrence Brady	AMS	1 Apr 03
Nancy Butler	CES	1 Jul 03
Adriel Carr	25APS	1 Jan 03
Kymberly Corkum	MXS	1 Jan 03
Gloria Derico	908AW	1 Oct 03

Tyrone Duncan	25APS	1 May 03
Michelle Fitzhenry	AES	1 Nov 03
Allen Floyd III	MXS	1 May 03
Everton Golding	ASTS	1 Jan 03
David Henry	AMS	1 Sep 03
William James	CES	1 Sep 03
Milton Johnson	CES	1 May 03
Ronald Leboeuf	SFS	1 Mar 03
Brandy Lindsey	ASTS	1 Sep 03
James Lowery III	ASTS	1 Nov 03
Bryan Martin	AES	1 Nov 03
Timothy Merrihew	CES	1 Jul 03
Wesley Meyer	MOF	1 Jul 03
Ronnie Patterson	AES	1 May 03
James Parten Jr.	MOF	1 Nov 02
Robert Reaves	AMS	1 Jan 03
Gerald Roth	CES	1 Nov 03
David Royer	25APS	1 Jan 03
Donald Smith	CES	1 Mar 03
Teresa Stone	ASTS	1 Nov 02
Carol Walters	357AS	1 May 03
James Williams	25APS	1 Mar 03
Linda Williams	ASTS	1 Sep 03
Richard Windham	SFS	1 Jan 03

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotionsto Captain Jeremy Angel, 357AS (April 7, 2004) Marley Crabtree, AES (Feb. 22, 2004) Jameson Durham, AES Robert Eichar, AES Anna C. Hill, SVF (Sept. 1, 2004) Cinnomon Kellenberger, ASTS David Lionberger IV, LRS (March 3, 2004) Timothy McCollum, William Magee, MXS, (May 5, 2004) Joann Oliver, ASTS Jeffrey Randall, 357AS Randall Simpkins, **AES** Yolanda Woodsmall, **908ASTS**to Senior Master Sgt. Albert McWhorter, MXG Harold Whited, **25APS**to Master Sgt. John Ballentine III, 25APS Billy Howard, CES Todd Kern, MXS Valeria Knight, ASTS Monnica Reed, MXS Levi Wheeler, ASTS Patrick Weir, AESto Tech. Sgt.

Donald Corkum, MXS

Derric Hall, 25APS

Mary Hawkins, CES

Dimitri Jefferies, MSS

Donald Matheson, 25APS Richard Neal, 357AS Brady Newman, MXSto Staff Sgt. Arthur Caffey, AES Steven Dykes, MSS Vickie Haddox, AES David Jones, ASTS Jamie Love, ASTS Grant McDaniel, 25APS Joe Whitt III, MXS James Williamson, MXSto Senior Airman Tamara Brackins, **25APS** Dwaynes Guice, MXS Christopher Hines, **AES** William Kent. CES Crystal Spencer, CES Jori Thomas, SVSto Airman First Class Eva Appiah, LRS Kenyse Garth, MXS Tieshia Green, 357AS **Bradley Harrell, AMS** Talton Hobbs, MXS Markis Myers, CES Jerritt Thomas, ASTS David Wilson, ASTSto Airman Jummy Abdul, ASTS

Kenneth Fontenot, LRS Marshall Ford, SVS David Harwell, ASTS

Retirements Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Thomas, MXS Master Sgt. James

Bryant Pritchett, MXS

Brooks, MSS Tech. Sgt. Earlene Hatcher, LSS Tech. Sgt. Gregg Hollon, MXS

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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command is looking for exceptional airmen and NCOs to become Reserve recruiters.

Recruiters serve a full-time Active Guard and Reserve tour for fours years at one of more than 190 locations in the United States and overseas.

Applicants must hold the rank of airman first class through master sergeant and meet qualifications spelled out in Air Force Manual 36-2108, Air Force Instruction 36-2115 and AFRC's recruiting policy. If selected, master sergeant applicants must take a voluntary demotion to technical sergeant before beginning their AGR tour.

Those selected attend a week-long evaluation and selection course at Robins. If chosen, they must then attend the six-week Air Force Reserve Recruiting School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Recruiters can earn up to \$450 a month in special duty pay. Also, they can attend professional military education in residence or by correspondence. Contact the 908AW Reserve Recruiting office at (334 953-5212) for more information.

Some tax statements now online

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The W-2 and 1099 statements are available for these groups to view and print, allowing them to submit their tax returns. Employees can view their tax statements from myPay at https:// mypay.dfas.mil. For assistance call myPay customer support toll-free at 800-390-2348.

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